

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the attention accorded to the instant application, and respectfully requests reconsideration of the application as amended.

Formal Matters

In this amendment, claims 1-20 are amended to more clearly recite the invention and to make minor editorial corrections.

Drawings

The Examiner objects to the drawings and requires that all occurrences of “miss hit” be replaced with “miss”. Accordingly, replacement Figures 2, 3, and 7-10 are submitted herewith. In Figures 2, 3, 5-7, and 10 “miss hit” is replaced with “miss”. In Figure 8, “miss page hit” is replaced with “miss”. In Figure 9, both “miss hit” and “miss page hit” are replaced with “miss”.

Specification

A substitute specification and Abstract in proper idiomatic English and in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52(a) and (b) is submitted herewith. In addition to grammatical corrections, applicant amends “in a determined manner” (page 12, lines 4-7) to be “in a predefined format”. Also, the description of Figure 7, page 27, lines 13-18, is amended to state that each of the blocks of hit predicting section 4 has the configuration shown in Figure 7. No new matter has been added.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objects to claims 1-20 because of numerous informalities. Based on the Examiner's suggestions, the claims are amended, including the following amendments. The phrases "which means that 'next access to said bank becomes access to a same page'" and "which means that 'next access to said bank becomes access to a different page'" are deleted, because both "a hit" and "a miss" are defined in the specification on page 3, lines 21-22, and page 13, lines 18-26, so that it is not necessary to define these features in the claims.

Further, applicant respectfully states that "time of completion of present access operations" more clearly recites the invention than "time of completion of pending access operations" proposed by the Examiner. This is supported in the specification, for example, on page 19, lines 10-11 ("without closing a bank being presently accessed", emphasis added). Accordingly, this phrase is not amended. Other amendments to the claims are made to more clearly recite the invention and to correct minor editorial errors. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that these objections be withdrawn.

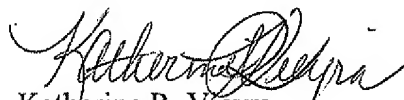
Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. As discussed above, claims 1-20 are amended to remove grammatical and idiomatic errors and to more clearly recite the invention. Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

For at least the reasons set forth in the foregoing discussion, Applicant believes that the Application is now allowable, and respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the rejection and allow the Application. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Amendment, or regarding the Application generally, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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